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## THE ILLINOIS MINERS.

Another Lengthy Letter to Governor Fifer.

ANSWERING CONGRESSMAN SCOTT.

The Hon. John McBride, President of the Miners' Union, Says Mr. Scott's Offer to His Men Was Unfair—What the Miners Are Willing to Do in the Matter—Mr. Scott's Proposition.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 3.—The Hon. John McBride, president of the Miners' union, and others who have interested themselves in an endeavor to bring about a settlement of the trouble between the mine owners and the miners of northern Illinois, have addressed a long letter to Governor Fifer in reply to the argument submitted by Congressman Scott. It is generally understood that when the operators of northern Illinois offered a 10 cent reduction Mr. Scott made no proposition to his miners, but left them in doubt as to the terms he desired and intended to offer.

**Would Not Deal with the Union.**

When the joint meetings brought about by the action of the committee appointed by Governor Fifer succeeded in obtaining a concession of 21 cents per ton as compared with last year's prices, which rates have been accepted by the miners employed for the past six months, caused by the disastrous effects of the strike, then it was that Mr. Scott proposed 75 cents for mining the largest amount falls on the Home of New York, \$12,000. Quite a number of families have lost all they possessed and have no insurance, but they object to the publication of their names. In the distribution of funds the miners will endeavor not to wound the feelings of persons who had no hand before experience the necessity of charity.

MERCHANTS LEFT PENNLESS.  
Five Hundred People in Absolute Need at Grand Haven.

GRAND HAVEN, Oct. 3.—At a meeting of the relief committee Wednesday evening it developed that a number of business men were practically left penniless by the fire. Some had lost all in their fall stock, which had been swept away, and now the merchants find themselves, after years of toil, in destitution. The mayor said these citizens had requested that their names be kept from the public, but he was satisfied that not less than 200 people were now in absolute need, having lost everything. These will have to be assisted in some way.

WATERBURY, Conn., Oct. 3.—A telegram from a number of cities were received Wednesday offering aid or sending aid to the stricken miners; then, being the published schedule for starting, the train bearing the delegates to the international congress, on their tour of inspection, pulled out of the Pennsylvania railroad station. It was the handiest train ever run out of that station with the possible exception of the train that carried the president of the United States and his party to the centennial in New York last April. There were seven cars in the train, all vestibuled and all fresh from the Pennsylvania shops. Even the engine was new. On the side of the composite car "Emporia" immediately behind the engine, was to be seen in gold, "International American Congress—Pennsylvania Special." This car was the dynamo which furnished electricity to illuminate the entire train, the bathroom and barber shop, the library and the smoking room.

A Well Stocked Larder. Bland food supply stores were the dining car "Windsor," its larder stocked with every delicacy. Then came the vestibuled Pullman cars "Forest," "Japan," "India," "Columbus" and "Washington." They were the largest, 72-foot Pullman cars, each with twelve compartments in two drawing rooms. Each was lighted from above by incandescent lights while other lights were arranged in each corridor. The passengers could have their electric lights lighted at night if they chose. George W. Dyer, assistant general manager agent of the Pennsylvania railroad, and Mr. Martin, of the Pullman Palace Car company, were on the train superintending every arrangement.

An Appeal to Mayor Grant. NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—Mayor Grant Thursday evening from Mayor J. W. Kirby of Grand Haven, Mich., accepted for the miners in that city, caused by the disastrous effects of the strike, Mr. Kirby in his appeal says: "About 500 people have been turned out of their homes and left destitute of the means of rehousing the same."

A Plea for an Insane Woman. WASHINGTON CITY, Oct. 3.—An alarm of fire started in Wednesday afternoon was caused by a fire in a room in the third story of a house at 11th and G street northwest, occupied by Mrs. Bowler, an insane white woman. At the time of the fire two men were in the act of serving a warrant on the woman for divorce, and the assistant general manager agent of the Pennsylvania railroad, and Mr. Martin, of the Pullman Palace Car company, were on the train superintending every arrangement.

The Train Leaves Washington. SHORTLY before the time for the departure of the train yesterday Proctor arrived. He was going to West Point with the party to witness the unveiling of the Curtis picture there. At 8:11 M. Curtis announced that all of the party were on the train. The signal for departure was given and at just 8:15 the train moved out of the station. Mr. Curtis had a state, however, when he said that all the party were on board. The passengers transacted business in the main routine. The officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: President, William Whitman; treasurer, B. Julian Phillips; secretary, S. D. North, all of Boston. A set of resolutions was unanimously adopted urging upon Congress the necessity of a revision of the tariff, and especially the tariff on raw material and manufactured woolen goods, in such a manner that both industries will be properly protected.

Figures from the Postoffice. WASHINGTON CITY, Oct. 3.—A statement prepared by Sixth Auditor Coulter shows that the total receipts of the postoffices department for the first three quarters of the fiscal year 1888-'89 were \$21,311,932; expenditures for the same quarters were \$25,663,212, leaving a deficiency of \$4,351,270, which indicates a deficit for the entire fiscal year 1888-'89 of about \$1,560,000. The expenditures for the three-quarters named increased over the corresponding quarters of the previous fiscal year 6.7 per cent, while the receipts for the same quarters increased over the corresponding quarters of the previous fiscal year 6.7 per cent.

Advise to the Standard Oil Company. FINDLAY, Ohio, Oct. 3.—In the Hancock county court Wednesday Judge Pendleton delivered an opinion adverse to the Standard Oil company in the famous injunction of that corporation against the Toledo, Findlay and Springfield Land oil company. The court denied the legality of the position taken by the Standard that they had the right to control the surface to such extent as to prevent the owners from giving or selling the right of way across it for a railway or other highway. The Standard company will appeal the case to the circuit court.

A Sheriff's Wife Escapes with a Prisoner. MERIDIAN, Miss., Oct. 3.—Charles S. Pratt, confident bookkeeper, secretary and cashier of the Water Lines company, was arrested Wednesday night for embezzlement. When early morning the preliminary hearing was continued for two weeks under \$1,000 bonds, which he did not secure. Pratt's confinement amounts to over \$10,000, covering various periods since 1882 and was accompanied by false entries on the payroll. Pratt confessed his guilt to his employer, saying: "It is the same old story of living beyond one's means. I am a thief." Pratt was an officer in several local organizations, treasurer of the First Congregational, a city alderman.

St. Louis, Conn., Celebrates.

LUDINGTON, Conn., Oct. 3.—The ancient and historical town of Stratford had a modest celebration Tuesday, the occasion being the 25th anniversary of the settlement of the town and the unveiling of the soldier's and sailor's monument. The day was one of rejoicing and cheering out of the program and the townspeople were happy. Not a single death occurred in the village, nor descended such flags and bunting, and everybody was in holiday attire. Thousands of strangers poured into the town from every direction until all the avenues and the center along the line of the procession were crowded with sightseeing people.

Twenty-four hours after the opening of the Miners' strike, the miners were again gathered at the front door of the Standard Oil Company building, and the miners were again gathered at the front door of the Standard Oil Company.

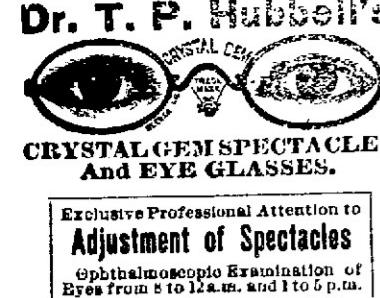
THE NATION'S GUESTS.

An Pleasant Evening Transferred the South and Central American Delegates.

WASHINGTON CITY, Oct. 3.—The first of a series of great banquets which are to be given in honor of the nation's guests from Central and South America was given at the Norman Hotel Wednesday evening by Secretary of State Blaine. The decorations were unique, tasteful, and appropriate.

The dinner was arranged in the form of a hollow square in the center of the room, a large

oval table in the center, and a large



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1889.

### COME OFF.

We notice that the Herald of yesterday

morning, true to its ideas of independent journalism, just sticks its nose into the investigation that THE REVIEW is now making into the water works and fire department.

The Herald man has been running a paper here for nearly 10 years, and he is always preaching to wavering subscribers about the advantage his long residence gives him in the matter of getting out a local paper. Now it develops that in spite of this long residence the North Main street guerrilla of journalism is glad enough to follow in the path marked out by THE REVIEW in treating a local matter. There are inherent defects in our system of water works, and they have existed for years.

In spite of all this, the mogul of journalists must wait for years, until some other man sets the ball rolling. He is willing to walk in the wake of THE REVIEW, and is unwilling to acknowledge it. It is all right for him to come into the investigation if he wants to, but let him give us some new matter, and not make a parade in threshing out old straw, as he did yesterday morning. If

this "second thought" wants a hand in the pie, let him try to be of some assistance.

We are not in need of a man to do the echo act. There is a good deal of ground to be gone over without traveling any of it twice.

We also note that The Herald men tells us just what is the matter, on his own hook. We are perfectly aware that he got his ideas from reading the statements that those acquainted with the subject have been making in THE REVIEW. But he won't give credit for them. He tells them as if they were his own opinions, and in the *ipso dictu* style in which Gabriel will probably declare the end of the world. But it may be that Baron Blowhard can't help this style of his, so we shall not press reformation.

But we know that the men who are speaking in THE REVIEW are acquainted with the subject, and their opinions are entitled to careful consideration. Now we do not

see why his Nabob Jags should throw discredit upon these views by alleging that they are also his. Let him either credit these views to the men to whom they belong, or go out of this investigation entirely. Let him pay a little more attention to the "special telegrams" he scissors so industriously from the last edition of The Post-Dispatch. But in the matter of water works, the united demand which those interested make of him, is, to come off.

### Chicago Market.

The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at 11:15 p.m. yesterday, received by G. C. Caldwell, secretary Decatur Grain Co.

WHEAT—Oct. 80¢; Dec. 82¢; May, 84¢.

CORN—Oct. 31½¢; Dec., 31½¢; May, 32½¢.

OATS—Oct. 19½¢; Dec., 19½¢; May, 20¾¢.

PORK—Oct. \$10.70; Nov. 29.40; Jan. 59.17.

LARD—Oct. \$5.97; Nov. \$5.87; Jan. 55.85.

RIBS—Oct. \$4.75; Nov. \$4.65; Jan. 54.70.

### ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:

Livestock—Hogs, 13,000; market lower, Cattle, 16,000; market slow.

Grain—Car Lots—Winter Wheat, 90; Spring Wheat, 55; Corn, 42¢; Oats, 25¢.

To Gentlemen Who Shave.

On and after Sunday, Sept. 29, the price of shaving on Sundays will be reduced to 10 cents. I make this reduction for the benefit of my customers, but will give you my reasons for so doing. I have noticed that some of my old patrons who can ill afford to pay 15 cents, come in on Monday morning to get shaved, much to their inconvenience. Former veterans of the war say: "You surely would not charge an old comrade in the army 15 cents for a shave." To avoid all such causes of dissatisfaction, the reduction is made. It is true that I have always taken in more money when I charged 15 cents than when I charged 10 cents on Sundays. It is also true that it is customary to charge 15 cents on Sundays in almost all towns and cities of the United States. But I am unwilling that there should be any cause for dissatisfaction among any of my customers. Hence the reduction is made.

### Interested People.

Advertising a patent medicine in the papers, in which the proprietor of Dr. Balsam for coughs and colds does it indeed wonderful. He authorizes all druggists to give those who call for it a sample bottle free, that they may try it before purchasing. The large bottles are 50¢ and \$1. We certainly would advise a trial. It may save you from consumption.

## THE MACON FAIR.

### A BIG DAY AND INTERESTING RACES.

The Winners and Awards—The Program To-Day—Notes and Personalities—Decorative People Who Were There.

About 2,500 people attended the Macon fair yesterday, coming, some by rail and many in private vehicles. At the dinner hour the scene resembled that witnessed at a camping-out or picnic. The crowd dispersed itself among the trees and spread bountiful lunches on the benches and grass, and such lunches as hearty farmers know how to serve and appreciate. Delicious fruits, pastry, sandwiches, roast fowl, etc., tempted the appetite, and there was no lack of hospitality on all sides. An Italian enemy to mankind had busied himself in the sale of a peculiarly atrocious sort of whistle, much affected by the infant terrible, which the youngsters amused themselves with after cramming all the goodies dispensed at luncheon. This was the only thing that detracted from the general enjoyment of the grown people.)

### THE RACES.

The crowd inspected the various departments with manifest interest, but the great attraction was the several trials of speed, which began at 2:30 p.m., and lasted until nearly sundown.

The first was a running race, one half mile dash. The entries were, Shiloh, ridden by Sherlock; Cleo Martin's s. m., by Lacey; Comanche, b. g., by Harry Chamberlain, and Little Frank, b. g., by John House. Several efforts at a start were made unsuccessfully. Comanche was a little wild and suspicious that the others would get off without him. However, a good start was at last made, Shiloh at the pole, Cleo Martin, 2d, Comanche, 3d, and Little Frank, 4th. Cleo Martin led on the first quarter, but on the home stretch Comanche came in first, winning the heat in 52½ seconds.

The next was the 2:40 race, one mile heats, three best in five. For this there were the following entries: Lida D., driven by Dickenson; Rena, Mack K., by Lacey; Flint Gold-Dust and Billy P., 3d. Miss Nannie Stoner rode W. T. Baker's fine mare, Lady Jewell, in the trial of saddle horses, and gave an exhibition of the mare's musical taste again, the band being drawn up in two lines and the mare keeping step to a lively air.

Moris Kallenbach, of Boddy, exhibits a morris and grape dump of his own invention. Also a model of the Flint Winding Star Windmill for pumping water, which has an automatic attachment for unloading when the tank is full.

Among the many visitors to the fair from Decatur, were: Judge Nelson, County Treasurer; Steele, Charles O. Young, City Attorney; McDonald, Mrs. L. A. Buckingham, Mrs. Henry Waggoner, C. M. Caldwell, George E. Barret, B. Z. Taylor, Thomas Quinn, Don Green, Miss Grace Blame, Miss Sutton, Frank Elbert and family, E. G. Allen and family, J. H. Moeser, of The Republican, Sheriff Maury, C. W. Battles and wife, T. W. Battles, J. B. Robertson and family, Reuben Betzer and wife. From Blue Mound we noticed Z. T. & J. Fox, Col. Stillington, Theodore Goodale, Samuel Stevens, Tobias Ward, Frederick Wood, Jacob Waltz, Charles Powers and family, Ichard Thompson, Frank Desprez and family, Samuel Dilchert, Also J. W. Walker, of Walker Station; Dr. Conley, Harristown; Hon. Robert Hill, Boddy; H. Neumann and family, Macou; William Itaney, Fort Payette; William Gassaway, Harristown.

New Books.

The following new books have been received at the library and will be ready on Friday morning, Oct. 4:

American Almanac for 1890.

Charles' Wonderful Journeys, C. F. Avery and A. H. ... John Andrews

In My Lady's Prayer ... Sir Edwin Arnold

Manual of Oriental Antiquities ... Ernst Batoni

First Steps in Scientific Knowledge ... Paul Bett

Due South ... M. M. Battion

Due West ...

How Success is Won ... Sarah K. Bolton

The Light of Her Countenance ... H. H. Boyesen

A Woman's Doing ... Jessie H. Brown

A Woman MacDonald ... " "

Roderick Wayne ... " "

Little Lord Fauntleroy, 2 copies ... " "

Surely You and Other Stories ... H. H. Burnett

The Silent South ... George W. Cable

Rocky Fork ... M. H. Catherwood

Canaries ... J. E. Cooke

Saint Ilario ... F. M. Crawford

Charles Dixton

Meath Clarke ... A. Conan Doyle

The Forty-Five Guardsmen ... Alex Dunn

Alexis Elsits ... Martin Finley

The Elsie Books, 12 vols ... Martin Finley

The Two Elises ... " "

The Beginnings of New England ... John Fiske

Letters and Literary Remains of Edward J. B. Goffey, Blue Moon.

Sucking stud colts, French—1st, Clint

A. Montgomery, Macon; 2d, Elijah Walker, Macon.

Draft stallions, French, 2 years old—1st,

J. B. Goffey, Blue Moon.

Sucking stud colts, French—1st, Clint

A. Montgomery, Macon.

Draft stallions, French—1st, Macon Breeders' Association; 2d, J. P. Goheen, Blue Moon.

Roadsters, 4-year-old stallions—1st, W. T. Baker, Bolivia; 2d, H. K. Hinnett Wright, Decatur.

Roadsters, 3-year-old stallions—1st, W. T. Baker, 2d, Frank Hogan, Dalton.

Roadsters, 2-year-old stallions—1st, W. T. Baker, 2d, Robert Patterson.

Roadsters, 1-year-old stallions—1st, Ross Ward, Shelby county; 2d, W. T. Baker.

Roadsters, 4-year-old mares—1st, W. T. Baker, Jr.; 2d, W. T. Baker.

Three-year-old mares—1st, W. T. Baker; 2d, Everett Russell, Moweaqua.

Two-year-old mares—1st, Miss Sarah Jackson, Shelbyville; 2d, Robert Patterson.

Sucking horse colts—1st, Stephen Brooks; 2d, W. P. Moffit.

Yearling mare colts—1st, B. Brownley; 2d, J. Newsom.

Saddle mares or geldings—1st, W. T. Baker (Lady Jewell); 2d, Thomas Stoner.

Sucking mare colts—1st, J. H. Delbridge.

Spans, geldings or mares, for driving—1st, W. T. Baker; 2d, W. T. Baker, Jr.

Jersey cattle: 1-year-old bull—1st, L. Smith, Macon.

Bull calf—1st, Robert Patterson.

Calves—1st and 2d, Robert Patterson.

Short Horn cattle: 3-year-old cows—1st

and 2d, O. W. Fisher.

Three-year-old bull—1st, O. W. Fisher.

Helfer calf—1st, O. W. Fisher.

Best grade bull, any age—1st, O. W. Fisher.

Two-year-old grade bull—1st, O. W. Fisher.

Yearling bull—1st, O. W. Fisher.

Holstein cattle: Yearling bull—1st, J. P. Duval.

Bull calf—1st, J. P. Duval.

Sleep: Oxford Shiredowns. Lambs—1st, J. A. Montgomery.

Sheep—1st, J. A. Montgomery.

Sweeps—Ewe, any age or breed—1st, J. A. Montgomery.

Blacktop Merino sheep, Buck 1-year-old or over—1st, J. P. Duval.

Ewe, 1-year-old—1st, J. P. Duval.

Buck lamb—1st, J. P. Duval.

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Buck lamb—1st, J. P. Duval.

Sleep: Oxford Shiredowns. Lambs—1st, J. A. Montgomery.

Hog—Poland-China: Boars under 1 year—1st, Oliver Gibson.

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### GENERAL AND PERSONAL.

D. Catto was in Orenza yesterday. Mike McGinty went to Peoria yesterday. I. C. Hart went to Springfield yesterday on business.

August Arum went to Monticello yesterday on business.

E. L. Martin was attending to business yesterday at Lincoln.

G. A. Barnes, a fireman on the Wabash, has moved to Chicago.

A. Bennett and family have moved to Decatur from Mattoon.

Thomas Smith, of Mt. Zion, went to St. Louis yesterday from Decatur.

Work on the 15th house in H. A. Wood's addition will begin next week.

N. E. Vinson came up from Macon last night and went on to Springfield.

C. T. White passed through Decatur yesterday on his way to Evansville.

C. Tyler and L. A. Kaufman went to Marion yesterday to attend the fair.

Mrs. J. Bowers, of DeKalb, Ill., is the guest of L. T. Turner and family.

Mrs. Thompson, of Springfield, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. Ernest.

Charles Harpstrite, of Trenton, Ill., is in the city, the guest of August Harpstrite and family.

Mr. J. Cohen and wife left last night for a visit at Indianapolis. They will return Monday.

Mrs. V. H. Park left for Atlanta, Ga., yesterday, where she will visit relatives for a few days.

Mayer M. F. Kanan has returned from a visit to Albany and Keeneville, N. Y., his home.

Mrs. James Miller left yesterday morning for Chicago, to join her husband and go to Washington.

Mrs. Frank Stroud and Misses Emma and Elsie Adams, were in Decatur yesterday.

Dr. H. B. Cartier, of Jacksonville, who has been the guest of Dr. E. J. Brown for a few days, returned home yesterday.

Miss Nora Smith, of Tuscola, and Miss Mae Outcalt, of Dakota, are guests of Mrs. Converse, on West Eldorado street.

Mrs. Bullock, on East Eldorado street, has returned home after a visit in Ohio. She was accompanied by her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gorin and daughter, Mattie, who have been in Chicago for the past week, returned home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Strauss, of Pine Bluff, Ark., who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. Stine, returned home yesterday.

Mrs. J. R. R. Rockwell, of Albany, N. Y., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. E. Carmichael, on Wood street, has returned to her home.

The brilliant wedding within a few weeks of two well known young people of Decatur society is just now a subject for speculative conversation by their friends.

A. W. Henton, of Long Creek, returned yesterday from McPherson, Kan., where he went to see his brother, James Henton, who is seriously ill with progressive paralysis.

Anzi Baker, the ticket agent, and his son, Joe, leave this morning for a trip to Washington and the northwest. They will go by way of New Mexico and California.

Misses Ruth and Edith Bevans very pleasantly entertained a party of their friends at the residence of H. M. Vaughn, on North Church street, Wednesday evening.

Miss Lydia Mueller is spending the winter at Chicago, and taking music lessons of Emil Liebling, having gone as far as she could under C. A. Foster's instruction here.

In a letter to Mr. Foster, Mr. Liebling speaks most highly of Mr. Mueller's talent as a musician, which is so unusual as to make the development very interesting.

R. R. Springer, for some time a resident of Chanute, Kan., has lately moved to Decatur and bought the C. C. Burrows house, in the northwest part of the city, where he will reside. He was at one time a banker at Blue Mound, and made considerable money there. Moving to Kansas did not like the country, and has come to the best place he can find to settle down.

**Kessler and His Affairs.**

George F. Kessler, the man who tried to commit suicide, is still improving, though the doctors say the chances are yet against him by a long, long way. However, if no unfavorable symptoms develop in two or three days, it is thought the chances for his getting well will be about even. Kessler is still partly paralyzed and helpless, but is rational, speaking only when spoken to, however. He is very anxious to get well.

Mrs. Fred Glisman, the woman with whom he was said to have been intimate and thereby gotten into trouble, was to see him yesterday and remained about two hours.

It was said that he was in the store just before he went down stairs, and that she asked him for money. That she denies, and says she told him for a handbag. She had before told him she was going to Chicago, and he had tried to persuade her not to go. That day he asked her if she was going. She said yes. Now she says she noticed then that he seemed to change color and get pale, but she thought nothing of it, as he frequently had the blues.

Yesterday afternoon she said to him, half jokingly, "It's a wonder you didn't come around and try to kill me, too." "Well," he replied, "I did think about it."

**The Second Party.**

Drive whilst was the game that the guests of Mrs. F. M. Young played last night at a card party given to her friends, who are not yet far enough down life's pathway to be classed as elderly. The evening was a very pleasant one, the playing beginning at 8:30 and lasting till 12. Dainty refreshments were served on the card tables. The first lady's prize, a brass mounted hand-mirror, was won by Mrs. Green, of Bloomington, and the second, a fancy candle-holder, by Mrs. E. B. Judson. The gentleman's first prize was a fancy miniature tool chest, and was won by Charles Powers. Dr. Will Barnes won the second, a brass holder of cigar lighters.

Those present were Mrs. Green and Mrs. Nelson, of Bloomington; Miss Kittie Smith, San Jose, Cal.; Miss Jessie Gillett, Elkhart, Ind.; Messrs. and Mesdames Frank Roach, Will Shetlandburger, D. A. Maffitt, Albert Barnes, Charles Powers, Glee R. Warren, Misses Judson, Ewing, Barnes, Roberts, Annabel Powers, Rogers, Guyton, Vail, Fuller and Goris, Dr. E. J. Brown, Dr. Will Barnes, B. Z. Taylor, James Coop, John Clageton, Walter Strange, Frank Curtis, James Hatfield, Will S. Ennis, C. G. Dorwin, and Parke Hammer.

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### THE OPINIONS OF AN ACKNOWLEDGED EXPERT.

**Our Detective and Inadequate Filters—Our Pumps Are the Best—Good Filters Needed—Our Supply Main—Our Distributing Main Too Small—Some Pictures on the Situation.**

A REVIEWER called upon H. Mueller last Wednesday, and informed him that no doubt the citizens who are now interested in the present investigation into the condition of our water supply and fire department, would like to have his views on the situation. As far our people are aware, Mr. Mueller is perfectly acquainted with the details of our system, as he has seen every bit of it laid down and has given most of the development personal inspection. In addition to this close attention to the matter, the remarks of H. Mueller are especially appropriate in this investigation, because of his well known standing as a hydraulic engineer. He is a member of the American National Water Works association, composed of the best hydraulic engineers in America. In addition, he has made hydraulic one of the principal studies of his life. It would be superfluous for THE REVIEW to speak in detail of his skill as a machinist. Added to all this, he has splendid executive and business ability. He started in Decatur several years ago, with a little gun-shop. He now has 50 men in his employ, with a pay roll that must amount to more than \$500 a week. He is the man of all others in our city who ought to be able to speak about the condition of the water works in a way that will command the attention of everyone interested.

When the REVIEWER saw Mr. Mueller he at once expressed a willingness to aid all he could in this investigation. It was a subject in which he took more than an ordinary interest, and he also took care in making everyone of his statements. He gave an exhaustive treatment of the whole situation, which THE REVIEW will now present to the citizens of Decatur, allowing Mr. Mueller to use his own words.

"If we are to have improvements in the water works system that amounts to anything, it will be necessary to begin at the bottom. I regard the first question as one of water. Before we go any farther we must have pure or clear water, which ever way you wish to put it. With our present appliances and means we cannot expect pure water. We have a so-called filter down at the water works, but it is vitally defective and entirely inadequate. To understand the work of this filter it is necessary to look at the situation around the water works. First, there is what we will call a reservoir, some distance from the river. It was originally intended that this should be filled by the flow of rainfall and springs that come from country adjoining. This supply was soon shown to be entirely inadequate. It was seen that water had to be taken from the river. Then the question that presented itself was, how to purify the river water. The result was the building of our present so-called filter. A deep trench was dug from the reservoir to the river. Piles were driven along each wall of this trench. In addition, the sides were boarded, and means taken to prevent the passage of any water from the river to the reservoir, except inside these walls. Now next to the river a section of boulders was put into the trench. Adjoining this section was another one of finer material. Several sections were thus put in, each one of finer material than the one preceding it, and closer to the reservoir. The water passing through these different sections is supposed to become purified. This arrangement is what is known as the filter."

"Now the top of this filter is level with the ground. When it was built the top was covered with green boards. These were nailed down and dirt was piled on top of them. In a short time the boards shrank, leaving wide cracks between them. Now you will see the first overflow of the river bottom a great deal of dirt was washed into the filter. This dirt must always be washed in through these cracks so long as the top of the filter remains as it now is. The only thing to do is to put an arched brick covering over the filter and thus keep out the overflow."

"But now let us see how the filter is inadequate. When the pumps are taking a great deal of water out of the reservoir of course it lowers pretty rapidly. It soon gets below the level of the water in the river. This at once creates a pressure, and drives the water through the filter at such a fast rate that there is very little purification. This one filter must supply all the water that the pumps use. It can't do this and purify the water at the same time. What we must have is, three or four filters of the same size as the one now in use. This number of filters will easily supply the water that leaves the reservoir when the pumps are working. You will see that with four filters doing the work that one attempt, the water will pass through slowly enough to allow the different sections of the gravel to take up the impurities and dirt. While it is true that even this number of filters will not give us strictly pure water, yet they will furnish an article that is good enough to drink. Those desiring still pure water to drink can attend to the matter in their own houses. It would not be economy for the city to undertake to furnish strictly pure water."

"Now I wish to say something about the Allis pumps that are in use. Regarding their wearing qualities, I can say that they were run for six years at an expense for repairs of about \$7. This is certainly a pretty good record for the pumps. The present expense on the pumps is entirely attributable to the sand that got into the reservoir during the overflows, and to the muddy water which we have seen is owing to two causes. There isn't an engineer in the United States who could pump that water and prevent the wearing that has taken place on the valves."

"When the pumps were first put in they were inspected and tested by Mr. Hill, hydraulic engineer and expert, called in by the city of Decatur. Mr. Hill's report is on file in the city clerk's office. The report also sent to the convention of the American National Water Works convention. The Decatur pumps were very highly spoken of by this association, and Mr. Hill's report was put in the minutes of the convention. In fact this report, regarding our pumps and their efficiency, is one of the best that has ever been made to the association. So, in looking over our situation, we can rest assured that we have pumps that are all right."

"When we took the first pump apart, a few days ago, we found that the piston, which is made of the best bronze metal, was worn a scant one-eighth of an inch. Most of the wear was on the bottom side. We also found that the cylinder, stuffing box and piston rod were worn in the same propor-

tion. This would not be the condition of the pumps, after the length of time they have been used, if we had guarded against the overflow of muddy water and sand into our reservoir. Of course pure water will wear the pumps some, but not all in this proportion. With good water the pumps ought to run 15 years without any extensive repairs."

"Now let us take a look at our system of mains and distributing pipes. When they were first put down, money was not the most plentiful thing that we had. Pipes had to be spread over a good deal of territory with little money. The result was that the pipes laid down were, even then, too small. Now they are entirely inadequate. Considering the size of our city, we now have the poorest set of distributing mains in the United States. There ought to be stop valves on every square or two, so that pressure could be concentrated where there may be special need of it at any

## AMUSEMENTS.

Scanlan, the singer, will be at the opera house to-night. He is so well known as to hardly need any further mention, but the words of Nym Crispie, New York's well-known critic, must surely be of interest:

"I saw Scanlan act the other night for the first time. As a rule I do not care for Irish dramas, but this man Scanlan invested 'Myles Airon' with a quaint, homely romanticism that could not be resisted. He was the real gossoon of the green isle, and one dressed in the tattered clothes of the eager eyes of the Irish girls. He was the man who would be in love with him. He went through all the acts of this pretty story with something of Rip Van Winkle's devil-may-care independence, but there was an easy, hearty tenderness and an unfeigned effectiveness to his sentiments, a rich, mellow cadence to his baritone voice and a gleam on his handsome face that touched the humanity of his audience and lit up the business with a distinct and honest glow."

Miss Mary Vickers will be at the opera house on Monday, Oct. 7th. The is one of the favorite sopranoes now on the stage, and is making a great deal of money and buying loads of fine clothes. Though of several years of experience, she is still unaffectedly fresh and buoyant. She seems to love her work, and to put her whole heart and soul into it. She has a demonstrative personality, and she knows how to exercise it, having a style of her own, a novelty in any other artist in her special line. She can also deliver little bits of sentiment with quaint tenderness. Her dancing is really inspiring.

**Real Estate Transfers.**

John K. Warren and wife and B. K. Duever and wife, to Solomon Smith, lot 6, in J. K. Warren & Co.'s seventh addition to Decatur; \$250.

Predrick Muller and wife, to John R. Raes, lot 1, block 6, western addition to Decatur; \$4,000.

James L. Lee to Thomas M. Lee, west half of southwest quarter, of northeast quarter of section 24, township 18, range 4 east; \$300.

Louisa A. Mills to Isaac R. Mills, all the undivided half of Mills Bros.' addition to Decatur; \$2,500.

John T. Hubbard and wife to Elmer E. Rutherford, lot 28, block 2, Higgins' addition to Decatur; \$50.

John R. Raes and wife to Lydia M. Miller, lots 4 and 5, block 5, town of Marion; also the lot west of and adjoining said lots, being lot 5, west half of the northwest quarter of section 11, township 18, range 2 east; \$3,000.

Jason Reiger to W. A. Smith, a lot in Marion; \$125.

Christian Gilt to John C. Wine, two tracts in S. 16, east 87, \$300.

J. M. Clokey to A. T. Summers, lots 12 and 13, in block 3, and lots 5 and 6 and half of 7, in block 6, of East Park Woods, \$1,500.

A. T. Summers to Sophia Troutman, the above lots; \$1,500.

Manor Haworth and George D. Haworth to K. H. Rely, 29 feet on west side of lot at the corner of Watt and Packard street; \$3,250.

David A. Mohit, Conrad, Amman, and C. Caldwell, to Karl C. Pluster, lot on Caldwell street, near Webster; \$25.

The Tibbits Funeral.

Funeral services over the body of Samuel Tibbits were held at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Rev. M. M. Goodwin, of St. John's church, of which Mr. Tibbits was a member. Music was furnished by a quartette under the direction of R. W. Chisholm. A number of members of Celestial Lodge, I. O. O. E., were present out of respect to the memory of their deceased brother. At night a special meeting of the lodge was held and it then went in a body to the residence, and from there to the train on which the remains left at 10:30 for Louisville, Ky.

**The Grand Jury.**

William McCullough, brought here from Monee and put in jail for stealing a mule, was released yesterday, the grand jury deciding not to indict him. He was working for a woman who owed him \$55. It was proven that he was at times delinquent, and it is supposed that during one of those times he took a \$50 mule and sold it, thinking he had a right to do so. The mule was sold to Bremerman & Watt, and as the young man's father made good their loss, no one desired to see him prosecuted.

**Returned From the Reunion.**

The Veterans of the 8th Ill., who went from Decatur to the reunion at Charleston, returned yesterday. They were James Revis, James Steele, Jerry Nicholson, A. S. Baylor, and Captain George S. Durfee and wife. The reunion will be held at Decatur next year.

**The Spectral Cars.**